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Brig. Gen. Paxton: Reflect on importance of 9/11

Marines, Sailors and Marine Civilians, September 11th will forever be a date America will mourn and never forget. As we take time today to recognize the tragic events of that day, we should all reflect on the importance of 9/11 and how it has changed our lives.

During the three years since September 11, 2001, we have been steadfast in our solemn duty here aboard MCRD San Diego to recruit and transform the very best young men and women this country has to offer into United States Marines. The recruits who have marched across this parade deck over the past three years have played a crucial role in defending freedom and fighting terrorism throughout the world. Many of the

young men and women we continue to recruit and make into Marines will ultimately go into harm's way around the world in the ongoing global war on terror.

The past 12 months in particular have seen many Marines make the ultimate sacrifice abroad, so that all Americans may continue to enjoy freedom and security at home. Throughout Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa, and Iraq, Marines have displayed heroic valor and determination in the face of a ruthless and cowardly enemy determined to attempt to keep freedom and peace from innocent people. Places such as Ramadi, Fallujah, and Nasiriyah now take their rightful place in Marine Corps lore with Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, and Khe Sahn as historic battles where Marines of today have continued to uphold their time honored reputation as the world's finest fighting force.

This date will forever remind us of how precious the freedom in our country is, the importance of preserving our freedom and way of life, and how our mission at the Depot is crucial to ensuring this country never again experiences the catastrophic events of September 11th. As we pause to remember all who have given their lives on and since September 11th, let us be ever vigilant at the mission we have as Marines and the ultimate task we have as Americans in preserving freedom and democracy.

Semper Fidelis,

J. M. Paxton Jr.
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps



Lance Cpl. Armando Silva, a Marine trumpet player, performs with the King's Own Scottish Borderers. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

Great Scots!

KINGS OWN EXCHANGES NOTES WITH DEPOT BAND AT HIGHLANDER FESTIVAL

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

Marine Band San Diego took a four-day trip to Pleasanton, Calif., to perform at the 2004 Highland Games, a festival and series of events that celebrate the Scottish culture.

Bagpipe tunes filled the kilt-covered Alameda County Fairgrounds Saturday when the Marines arrived. After unloading their instruments, the band started practicing with the King's Own Scottish Borderers, a military drum and bagpipe band from Scotland.

"We were supposed to play a show together, but we never practiced together," said Cpl. David Blackmon, a Marine French horn player. "They had a list of songs we didn't know, and we had songs they didn't know."

But after a couple hours playing together, the two bands had no choice but to march onto the field and play the show.

"The first show was nerve-racking," admitted Blackmon. "But the Scottish band was really good. They knew what they were doing, and so did we, so the show was all right."

The Marines and the Scots gelled together both musically

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To POWs/MIA & families: We are forever indebted

This young nation is only 228 years old. But in that time, Americans have never hesitated to step forward to defend our country — with their lives, if necessary.

It is still so today. In foreign lands and on faraway seas, we who serve continue to fight to defend our country's free-

dom. We do so knowing that should we fall on the field of battle, should we be captured or lost, our Nation will do everything in her power to find us and bring us home.

For more years than most of us can remember, the POW/MIA families have set a standard of energy and determination for all of us to follow -- never abandoning hope, insisting that the world remember and respond, overcoming every obstacle placed in their path, including the most difficult obstacle of all: the passage of time.

I believe the Confederate Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery best captures the spirit of the service of our Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action stating, "not for fame or reward, not for place or for rank, but in simple obedience to duty, as they understood it." To our POWs, to those MIA, and to their families, we owe an unending debt of gratitude for the sacrifice they made, the pain they endured, and the hardships they suffered while they were "obedient to duty" to ensure that the flame of freedom would never be extinguished.

May God bless those who have returned from captivity and those yet to return. May God bless the loved ones who are left behind. And may God bless this wonderful country that they served so well. We are in your gratitude and remain — Semper Fidelis!

J. M. Paxton Jr.
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps



**APPARENTLY,
THIS NEW GUY
CAN PLAY V-BALL**

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**CG'S CUP
SOCCER**

Service Company destroys
Facilities Maintenance

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Local VIPs tour depot, learn about recruit training mission

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

Fifty-three local educational, business and community leaders gathered here Sept. 2 to tour the depot and dine at Quarters One for the 2004 Centers of Influence Open House.

“We have important civic leaders, some of whom are former military, that come for the open house,” said Capt. Brian R. Manifor, a depot operations officer. “We want to show them the importance of the depot.”

The event used to be annual, according to Manifor, but this was the first Centers of Influence Open House in two years.

The day began with a command brief, given by the public affairs office, to explain the mission and background of the depot in a slide-show presentation.

With a little more knowledge of what the Marines and sailors here do, the VIPs toured the Recruit Training Regiment area to get a first-hand look at how Marines are made. After the tour, the VIPs witnessed the culmination of Marine Corps recruit training – the Emblem Ceremony – where recruits receive the eagle, globe and anchor, and they are called “Marine” for the first time.

While the guests were at the ceremony, Marines were already at Quarters One, the commanding general’s house, preparing a luncheon for the VIPs with gourmet foods including beef, shrimp, hummus and a panoply of elaborate desserts.

“This is a good opportunity for the commanding general to be a liaison to the community,” said Manifor.

After an address from Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, Ma-

rine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, the guests ate and chatted with depot Marines and civilian employees while a quartet from Marine Band San Diego provided the background music.

“I enjoyed myself tremendously,” said San Diego’s First Lady Jan Murphy. “This is my first time here, and I’m very impressed. I look forward to coming back next year. Maybe I’ll bring the mayor with me.”

Events like this are a good tool to involve the depot with San Diego, according to Manifor.

“The people invited to the open house are prominent within the community,” he said. “They could know other important people that will be directly involved with the depot later on. It is always good for us to present a positive image.”

Midway defenders hold final reunion

BY CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.
Chevron staff

The sun began to set on the two-square-mile island group named Midway. Its Sand and Eastern islands sit in the central Pacific Ocean.

“Two destroyers attacked,” said Don J. Drake, former private first class and searchlight operator for 6th Defense Battalion.

“The events are very easy to remember,” said the gray-haired gentleman in his 80s.

At dusk, the two ships and an oil tanker approached from the south. The Akebono and Ushio fired upon Sand Island in the cover of night.

Drake manned Searchlight 2 and was ordered to illuminate the ships. His was the only position that could bear in on the ships without exposing friendly forces.

“The Japanese opened fire when I put the search light on them,” Drake said. “We fired every gun we had at them. I had my own personal war with the Japanese Navy.”

Concussion from the enemy salvo knocked out his searchlight. The power plant, run by a single Marine, overloaded as a result. Both got their services up and running to illuminate the attackers again, according to Drake.

An East Island searchlight immediately exposed the ships after Searchlight 2 was knocked out for good.

One ship had entered the reef area.

“Three-inch anti-aircraft guns started returning fire,” he said. “They started smoking and turned south.

“B and D Battery both think they hit at least one of the ships,” laughed Drake.

This battle took place Dec. 7, 1941, the night following the notorious attacks on Pearl Harbor, over 1,000 miles to the Southeast.

The defense battalion was the primary occupying force on Midway from 1941-1945. Most notably, they are the spearhead group in the Defenders of Midway organization.

Defense battalions, later renamed anti-aircraft battalions, were a short-lived concept and they all moved around the Pacific islands, except the 6th.

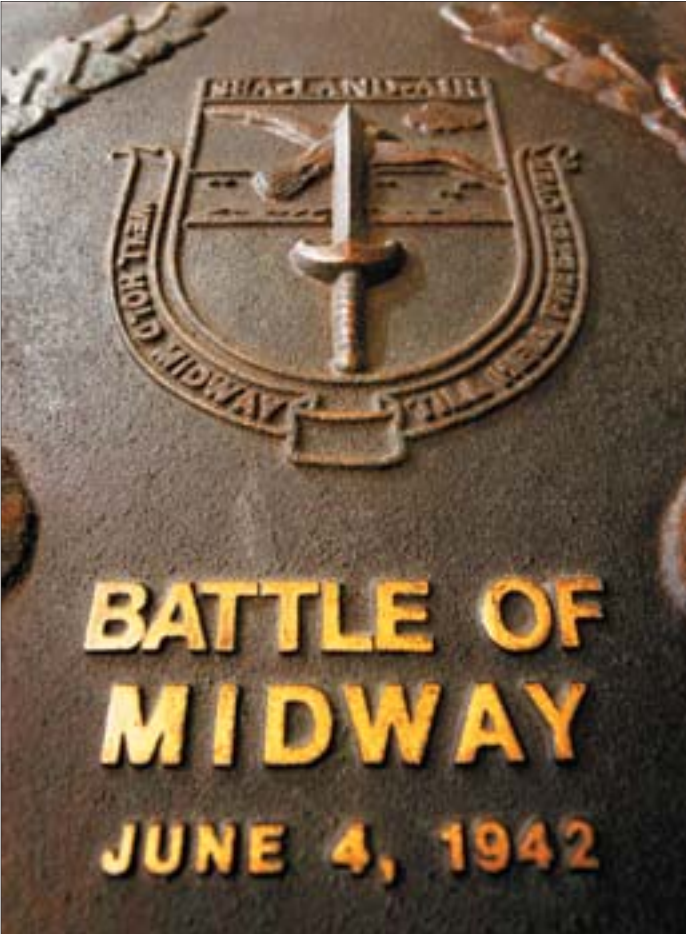
After training at Marine Base San Diego, now known as Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, they were ordered to replace the 3rd Defense Battalion on Midway in 1941.

The larger scale attack came June 4-6. The entire battle was fought and won by many units including 6th Defense Battalion, Marine Aircraft Group 22, naval aviators from the nearby island of Wake and various others.

“The biggest thing the Marines did was provide anti-aircraft fire,” said Ned Titlow, former corporal of 6th Defense Battalion and former historian of the Defenders of Midway. “They were the first card played. They made the Japanese regroup.”

According to Drake, although there were many factors involved, one of the main downfalls for the Japanese was wanting to attack again with an air strike after an unsuccessful initial strike.

In transition the Japanese left bombs and torpedoes on one



The Defenders of Midway dedicated this plaque in the main archway of Pendleton Hall. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

of their main ship’s flight decks, causing it to explode when Navy pilots bombed them.

This prevented a bloodbath between two Marine Raider companies, two provisional infantry companies and 5,000 Japanese Marines who never made it ashore.

The members of the battalion feel a lot of luck was on their side during the infamous battle.

“The good Lord was watching over the USA that day,” Titlow said.

Today, 10 of the 6th Defense Battalion’s men who were at the battles, 24 other from the 6th Defense Battalion, 14 from the 7th Defense Battalion, 10 from the 9th Defense Battalion and several others from less represented units will celebrate what is most likely the last reunion for the 6th Defense Battalion and the Defenders of Midway. Family and friends will join many of them as guests.

The closing to their final reunion and visit to San Diego will be their visit here, the place they formerly knew as Marine Base San Diego.

“That’s where we were formed,” Drake said.

“We came back to where we are from,” said Robert E. Hendrick, former corporal in charge of the Post Exchange at the Battle of Midway. “It’s like a coming home for all of us. We all did some time here.”



Women Marines Assoc. gathers at depot, observes recruit training

BY SGT. RYAN SMITH
Chevron staff

Members of the Women Marines Association stopped by the depot Sept. 3 to view recruit training and reminisce with Marines aboard the depot.

The Women Marines Association visited San Diego this week for its biennial convention and was welcomed to the depot for a brief tour, breakfast at Quarter’s One and viewing of the graduation ceremony for Company F.

“I am very impressed with the Marines of today,” said retired Sgt. Maj. Grace A. Carle. “They really look sharp and I am proud of them. I hope they continue to serve our Corps honorably.”

Many depot Marines were on hand to share their experiences with association members.

“I felt it was very important to tell them what an active duty gunnery sergeant does and in general talk about the women of today’s Marine Corps,” said Gunnery Sgt. Joelle M. Fant, legal assistance chief, Staff Judge Advocate. “It was great to be able to talk to someone who paved the way for me and other women in the Marine Corps.”

The association members were happy to share their experiences as well as talk about changes the Marine Corps has made affecting the lives of women in the Corps. In 1943, then Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Thomas Holcomb acknowledged that the Marine Corps could not accomplish its mission of winning the war without women helping to stave off the work load.

“They were very gutsy women,” added Fant. “They were very articulate in recounting their experiences and their love of the Marine Corps. They made their presence felt. The whole ‘free a man to fight’ mentality allowed a lot of positions formerly filled by men to be taken over by women.”

According to the Marine Corps Web site, since 1918, when Pvt. Opha Mae Johnson became the first woman to enlist in the Corps, many changes have taken place for women working within the ranks of the Marine Corps. During WWI, women enlisting in the Marines served in clerical positions or recruiting duties. During WWII, women Marines found themselves not only handling clerical duties, but also were mechanics, radio operators, mapmakers and welders. Today’s female Marines can get close to the front lines of battle with positions as combat pilots and field supply clerks.

“Hearing their stories makes me want to stay in the Marine Corps and make an impact,” said Fant. “They taught me to share my legacy about sacrifice and hookin’ and jabbin’ to get where I am with my younger Marines.”

For more information on the Woman Marines Association, check out www.womenmarines.org.

We die for the right to choose, so choose to exercise your right to vote

BY CPL. SHAWN M. TOUSSAINT
Chevron staff

What would the world be like if 56 members of the Continental Congress decided not to sign their names on the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776? What if they chose silence over action?

The good news is those 56 men chose to have their voices heard by signing the document that is the vision of hope for this country, its people, and the world.

The point I am trying to make is this: Individuals can make a difference if they take action.

On Nov. 2, the action every American

must take is voting. As service members we are the armor responsible for protecting the rights of every American citizen. One of those rights is the right to vote.

Active duty service members are willing to sacrifice their lives to ensure the rights of all Americans are protected, but historically, when it comes to signing our own names on the document or making our own voices heard in the future of the country we protect, we have failed to achieve 100 percent voting participation. I believe that if you are willing to die for something you believe in, voting is a 100 percent must.

If we are the Americans dying in the

name of freedom, we are definitely the ones who need to have our voices heard in preserving it.

The impact of the active duty vote was obvious in President George W. Bush’s win in the 2000 election, which proved to be one of the closest elections in recent history. The upcoming election may be even closer with the country split down the middle.

So whose vote is important? I’ll tell you. It is the lance corporal walking a patrol in Iraq; it is the drill instructor training the future of our Corps; it is the captain leading Marines into battle; it is everyone who salutes the flag and is willing to sacrifice

all to protect it and what it represents.

In this election, no excuse is an acceptable one. The future of our country is depending on all of us to make our mark on history and have our voices heard Nov. 2. One hundred percent participation is the mission; that means 1.3 million strong signing their names on the future of our great nation. Lets go out and make sure we accomplish the mission.

For those Marines who have questions about voting or who have never voted, talk to your staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge or your officer-in-charge. They will be able to help you make a difference in the upcoming election.



BY 1ST. LT. ANTHONY DELSIGNORE
Chevron staff

Imagine your heart racing, your blood pumping and your adrenaline rushing; beneath you the pavement flying, the wheels turning faster, the wind roaring in your ears and the powerful motor rumbling between your legs.

There is no other place you would rather be than on Interstate 5 riding your Harley or Ninja motorcycle.

Now imagine your heart racing, your blood pumping and your adrenaline rushing as you cling to every breath asking yourself what happened and wishing you did not ride that morning.

A motorcyclist is 26 times more likely to die in a crash than in a passenger car, and in 2002, there were 3,244 motorcyclists killed and another 65,000 were injured, according to the National Center for Statistics and Analysis.

I am not an advocate against motorcycles. There was a time I considered buying one, but unfortunately I have experienced the danger they potentially have, and the destruction they can do.

The purpose of this commentary is to show the reality of the potential dangers vested in these powerful machines, and provoke thought into why it’s important to begin to ride or to continue to ride.

I am 24, and in this short time I have been directly

related to three serious motorcycle accidents that have greatly affected my life.

My first experience came when I was born. My father had been racing motorcycles for years. He crashed while leading during one race, and the rider behind smashed into his back, leaving him permanently paralyzed. He was 21 at the time and had been drafted by the Cincinnati Reds’ minor league team. He had his whole life ahead of him and in an instant, it all changed. My father later told me one of his dreams was to run, play football, basketball, and baseball with his son.

The second experience came two years ago when I married my sister’s best friend, Dena. I remember my sister calling me in Pittsburgh while I was in college before I knew Dena. She called crying to tell me that Dena’s former husband was killed in a single vehicle motorcycle crash. Besides offering my condolences and sympathy, I was removed from the situation and stupidly did not understand what a great loss it had been. It was two years later I realized the devastation caused by this death when I had to deal with it directly when I decided to marry Dena.

The story is horribly tragic. Dena had dated her former husband for eight months when they got married. Two months later he died in a motorcycle accident (his second) September 4, 2001. A week later, terrorists attacked America, and five days later Dena delivered her son September 16, 2001. She had lost her husband, did not have an income, and her son did not have a father.

Losing your family and forcing them to rebuild their lives might not be worth a motorcycle ride.

Motorbikes aren't toys

Finally, Dena and I lost our friend, “Bad Leg Bob,” last January to a motorcycle accident. Ironically his nickname came from an injury he suffered in a previous motorcycle accident where he also collapsed a lung. He left behind three daughters and a wife. His youngest daughter was three years old and he had twins that were five years old. His wife did not work and now is raising their children alone, and the children have to grow up without a father.

These are some of the more serious incidents caused by motorcycles that I have been associated with. I cannot count how many people I know who have been in accidents that were fortunate enough to walk away with minor injuries.

Motorcycles can be enjoyable, but they can also carry grave consequences. They could have grave consequences for you, for your parents, for your spouse who is left to carry the load of the family, for your children who grow up with out a father or mother, and for your friends who are left without their confidant.

The price is great for such a small reward. If you do decide to ride, please ride responsibly. In 2003, 52 percent of motorcyclist fatalities were not wearing a helmet.

In 2002, 40 percent of fatally injured riders tested positive for alcohol, and 38 percent of riders were speeding in fatal crashes, according to the NCSA. Obey the speed limit, don’t drink and ride, and wear your helmet.

Please think twice before you ride, and ask yourself if it is worth it? It could be only a matter of time.

For more information, log onto the National Highway Safety Administration’s Web site at www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

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Recruits from Platoon 3094, Company L, adjust their slings while practicing the afternoon prior to the final drill competition. All new Marines are required to have a basic knowledge of close order drill. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

Operation Gaslamp

Operation Gaslamp, sponsored by the San Diego Armed Services YMCA, is Oct. 1. The event is part of Fleet Week, and about 45 restaurants and other businesses are offering discounts and freebies to military personnel in the Gaslamp District, Coronado Island and Seaport Village. Coupon books are two for \$5, and can be purchased at Jimmy Love's in the Gaslamp or the East Plaza Gazebo in Seaport Village.

POW/MIA Ceremony

There will be special Prisoners of War/Missing In Action Ceremony Sept. 19 at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3787 in Mission Valley. The guest speaker is Dr. Lester Tenney, a former POW that survived the Bataan Death March. His story is chronicled in his best selling book, "My Hitch in Hell." An invitation is extended to all military personnel. For more information, call Alice B. Tanner at (858) 569-6507, or e-mail her at ataner@sdcoc.k12.ca.us

DI reunion

The "Crow" Crawford Chapter DI Association is holding their Annual Reunion aboard MCRD San Diego and at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel in Hotel Circle Sept. 15-19. Events include a museum and quonset hut tour, watching the motivation run and Eagle, Globe and Anchor Ceremony, a USS Midway tour, an evening performance at the hotel by Marine Band San Diego, a DI Monument memorial service, and a barbecue at the depot boathouse. A golf tournament and banquet will

be at the hotel Sept. 18. For more information, contact 1st Sgt. James L. Wilson at (619) 524-5009 or via e-mail at james.wilson@usmc.mil.

Horsefest at Miramar

Flying Hooves Riding Club, in partnership with Marine Corps Community Services, presents Horsefest 2004, a free event open to all at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., stables Sept. 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Scheduled events are a parade of breeds, riding demonstrations, pony rides for the little buckaroos, games and races, free lunch, a Ferrier demonstration with free photos, roping lessons, karaoke and a special appearance by Chula Vista Mounted Police.

Calling all car nuts

A new History Channel reality show called "Full Throttle" follows two teams of two friends, families or relatives as they fix up classic cars and eventually drag race them. Producers are looking to cast soldiers and Marines in a future episode. The show doesn't necessarily focus on service competition. Instead it provides a fun and friendly environment in hopes of boosting the participating troops' morale. There are two 10-hour days to modify a working classic car in a garage with tools and professional assistance. The classic car is provided by the show. If the Marines win, they take both cars home. The casting producer is looking for two Marines to cast as soon as possible. For more information, call casting producer Marty Collins at (818) 385-4260.

Operation Homecoming

Operation Homecoming will run through Veteran's Day, allowing returning service members and up to four direct dependents, a one-time, free entry to one of the Sea World, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks. The offer provides for one visit to one park only.

Proof of deployment or overseas service is required along with a valid Department of Defense identification and completed application form. Application forms will be available on-line and at park front gates.

Leaders requested to promote climate survey

The Marine Corps Climate Survey is a Marine Corps-wide survey that measures perceptions of organization and command climate, as well as experiences of discrimination and sexual harassment. The survey is sponsored by the Manpower Equal Opportunity Branch, Manpower Plans and Policy Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps.

The success of efforts in evaluating these areas depends on the individual Marine, regardless of rank, ethnicity or gender.

Approximately 11,000 active duty Marines and 9,000 Marine reservists have been randomly selected to participate in the survey. For the data to be valid, it is important that those Marines complete and return it.

Responses to the survey will be analyzed for differences among ethnic groups,

between male and female Marines and between officers and enlisted personnel.

Leaders at all levels are requested to support this effort by encouraging those Marines randomly selected to participate and complete the survey upon receipt. The survey addresses important issues that affect all Marines, and their quick response will ensure their opinions are reflected in the findings.

Extreme Makeover

ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition is currently seeking a military person who owns a house in the Southern California area, who has spent extraordinary amounts of time away from their family because they have been defending our country, who may have been injured going above and beyond the call of duty by helping others, and has absolutely no time or resources to make home improvements.

The show is seeking a Marine or service member who has a compelling story and is an upstanding member of the community. If you have any information about possible candidates, please call Staff Sgt. Sergio Jimenez, (310) 235-7272 or fax (310) 235-7274, or write to Public Affairs Chief, Marine Corps Motion Picture & TV Liaison Office, 10880 Wilshire Boulevard Suite 1230, Los Angeles, Calif., 90024.

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The Hatch Act

Explaining conduct in political activity

In this time of heightened political activity, it is a good time to review permitted and prohibited political activity of federal employees. The following is general guidance only and the Office of Special Counsel should be contacted for information and advice of specific questions and situations.

The Hatch Act, passed by Congress in 1939, imposed significant restrictions on federal employees, government employees, and certain state and local government employees on their ability to participate in political activities. In 1993, Congress amended the Hatch Act to relax some of the restrictions. Most federal employees are now allowed to take an active part in political management or in political campaigns.

Do's

Federal employees may:

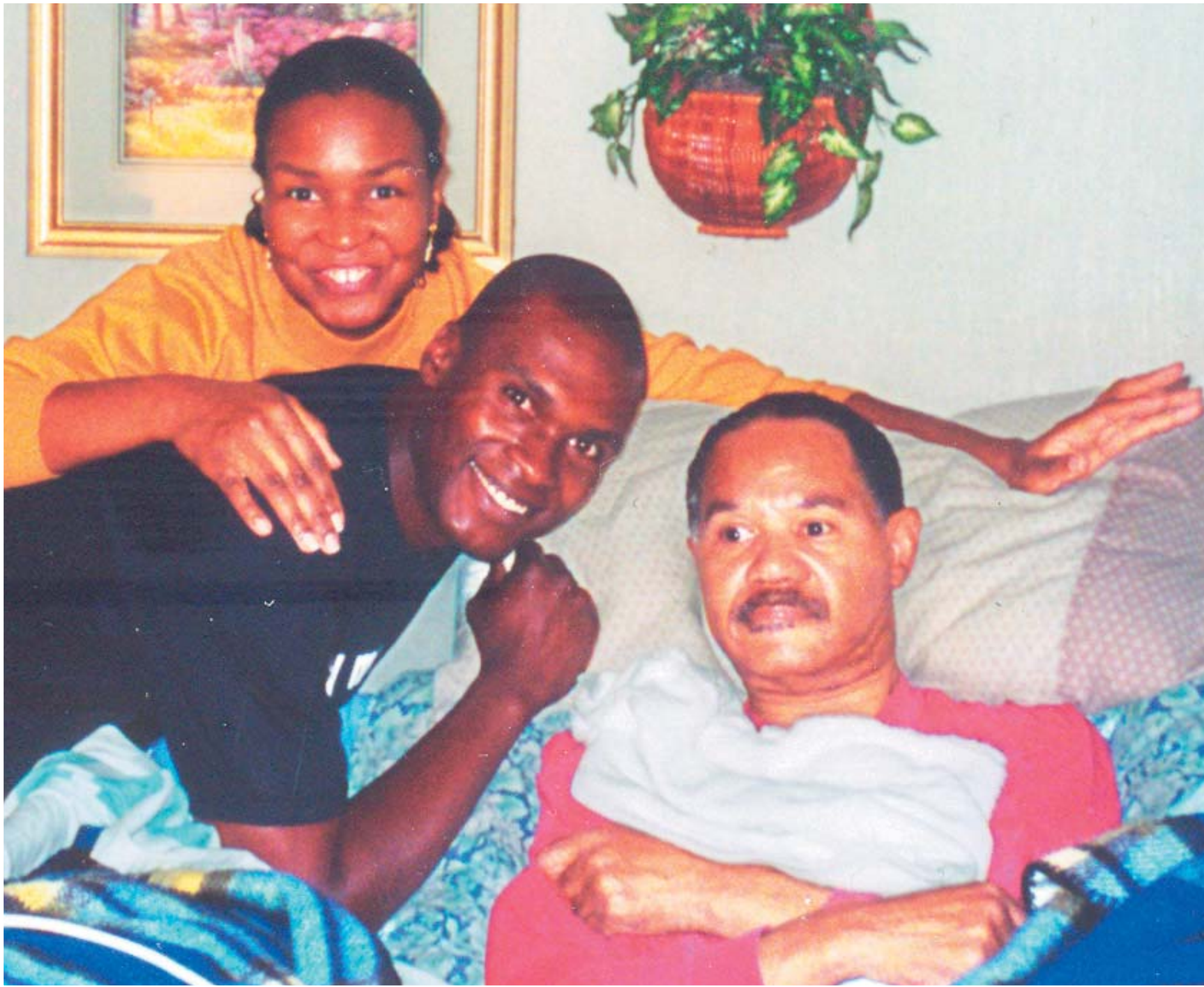
- be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections
- register and vote as they choose
- assist in voter registration drives
- distribute campaign literature in partisan elections
- express opinions about candidates and issues
- contribute money to political organizations
- attend political fund-raising functions
- attend and be active at political rallies and meetings
- join and be an active member of a political party or club
- sign and circulate nominating petitions
- campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, and municipal ordinances
- campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections
- make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections
- hold office in political clubs or parties

Don'ts

Federal employees may not:

- use official authority or influence to interfere with an election
- solicit or discourage political activity of anyone with business before their agency
- solicit, accept, or receive political contributions (may be done in limited situations by federal labor or other employee organizations)
- be candidates for public office in partisan elections
- engage in political activity while on duty or in a government office
- wear political partisan buttons on duty or engage in political activity while wearing an official uniform
- engage in political activity while using a government vehicle

Source: Office of Special Counsel, which is responsible for administration of law and regulation regarding such activity. Please visit their Web site at www.osc.gov.



Active reserve drill instructor Sgt. Herbert L. Johnson Jr. (center) joins his mother Purnie Johnson-Fisher and stepfather Monty Fisher. Courtesy of Sgt. Herbert L. Johnson Jr.

Homegrown Herb

Mother inadvertently cultivated a Marine

BY STAFF SGT. SCOTT DUNN
Press chief

A decade flown from the nest, 29-year-old Sgt. Herbert L. Johnson Jr. still remembers how he learned to fly. Before turning Marine in June, 1994, Johnson lived his mother's ideals, which today arguably relate to the Corps. Purnie Johnson-Fisher moved her family often. She sought multiculturalism. And as hard as it was for two young boys to understand, she raised her sons with a strict, traditional upbringing that others sometimes ridiculed. "She's as demanding as any drill instructor, and just as professional," said Johnson, whose mother Purnie taught him to make military-style beds wrapped with 45-degree-angle folds and 16-inches of white sheets. Purnie said she intended for her sons to live with strong minds and tender hearts. In fact, Johnson married the only girl he ever brought home to meet his mother. Johnson, an experienced drill instructor with Company L, finishes his fifth recruit training cycle today. As a DI training the Corps' future men, Johnson said he tries to lead by example.

"You can say a lot of things to people, but if they don't see you do it, they won't (do it)," Johnson said. "If you don't strive for a sense of perfection or a particular goal, then you can't ask your subordinates to do the same. You only undermine yourself." After all, Johnson's mother raised him by example, striving to bestow in him certain disciplines and morals. As she attended a dental assistant school in Kansas City, Mo., Purnie moved several times to escape rent increases. In moving so often, Purnie said, she hoped to leave the inner city to find safer urban areas where her sons could learn with and adapt to diverse cultures. She also hoped to keep sons Herbert and Jason out of trouble with other school kids. "I remember Herb beat up a kid when he was about 8 or 9 years old because the boy was bigger and fighting his little brother. Herb is very protective of his family still," said Purnie. "My sons would be teased a lot because they spoke proper." She prohibited her sons from speaking slang. "The boys would say, 'Mom you're raising us kind of old-fashioned.'" Additionally, the boys wore what mom could afford, which meant no expensive shoes or clothes in the house, even when mom became a dental assistant at a Kansas City military hospital. The gentle-voiced mother said she hasn't always spoken so softly. "As a single mother, I had this fear:

Sergeant is rare active reserve drill instructor

BY STAFF SGT. SCOTT DUNN
Press chief

As he watched paper scraps snowing over Brooklyn, N.Y., Johnson stood security and thought he was going to war. Before the World Trade Center towers fell in lower Manhattan a few miles away, he was making pancakes for his future wife Valentina Drozdova, a Russian immigrant from St. Petersburg. In one of those towers, Johnson said he had attended his most extravagant Marine Corps birthday ball ever with celebrities and \$1,000 dinners. The November 2001 ball was more modest.

Johnson separated from active duty in 1998, and as a reservist, he was administratively supporting a reserve communications battalion in

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Sgt. Herbert L. Johnson Jr. trains Platoon 3094 recruits Sept. 5, the day before Company L's final drill competition. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

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ARMED FORCES VOTING WEEK

3 EASY STEPS FOR ABSENTEE VOTING

- 1 See your voting assistance officer and pick up a Federal Post Card Application.
- 2 Complete the application and mail it.
- 3 Complete the absentee ballot when you receive it from your election official.

For further assistance, contact your unit's voting assistance officer: Capt. Blair A. Stevenson, Headquarters and Service Bn.; Capt. Ian P. Santos, Recruit Training Regiment; Chief Warrant Officer Renard Harrison, Weapons and Field Training Bn.; Capt. Brian S. Nelson, 8th District; Capt. Tyler T. Vance, 9th District; Capt. Maxx Godsey, 12th District



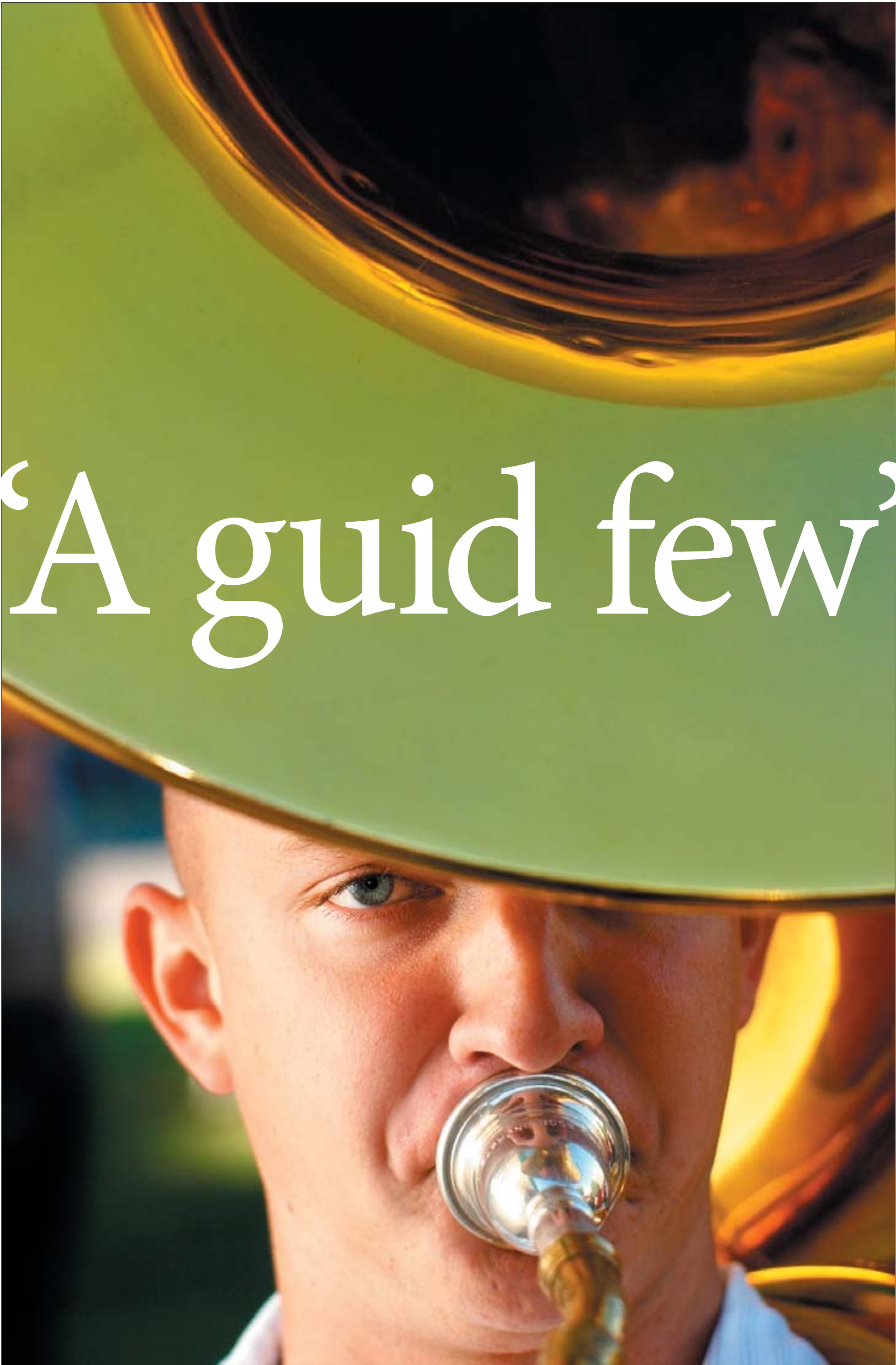
Chief Warrant Officer Eddie Hayes and Cpl. Matt Garriss, members of the brass band, rock the crowd at the hotel bar Saturday night.



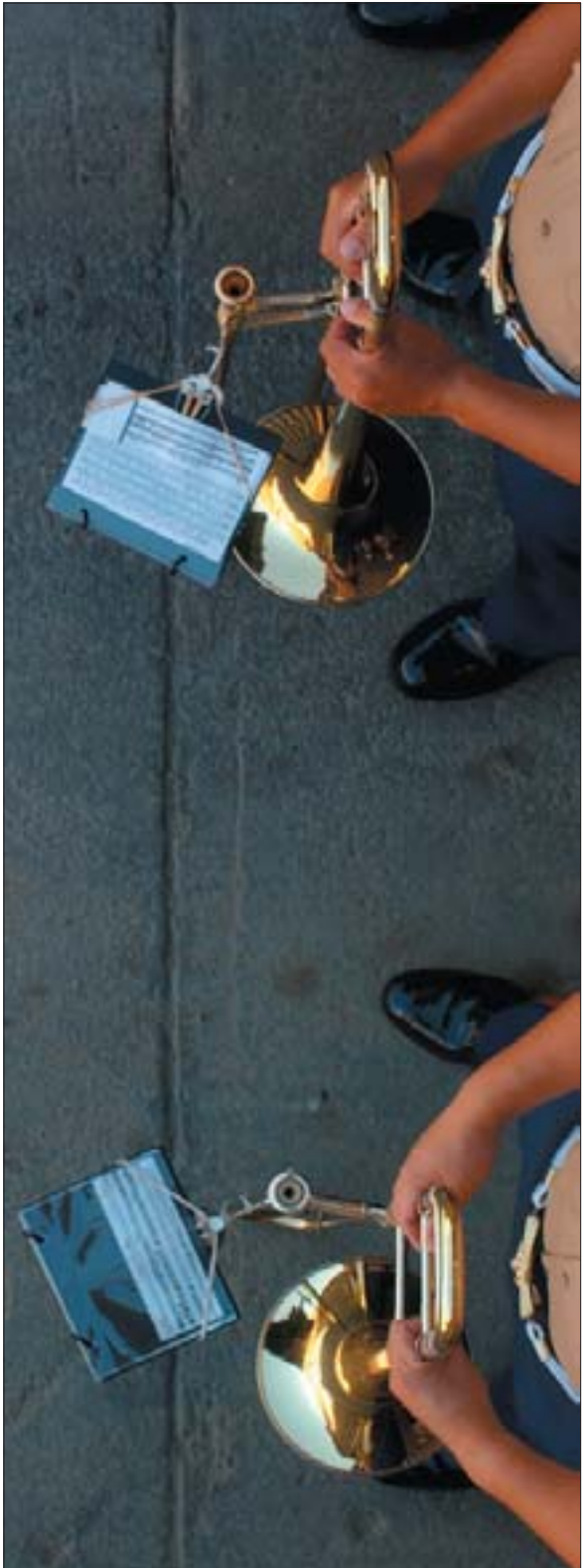
Marine Band San Diego played four shows with the King's Own Scottish Borderers pipe and drum band at the Highland Games.

Band, from Pg. 1
and personally, playing four dynamic shows together, and enjoying the nightlife together.
“Aye, the Marines are great,” said Robert Campbell, a Scottish ceremonial dancer. “We were in Iraq with the Marines, and now here in California. They’re always very professional and friendly.”
The feeling from the Marines was mutual, according to Blackmon.
“I loved hanging out and performing with the Scottish soldiers,” he said. “I respect the fact they are all infantrymen, and the band is their secondary job. They present a great image of their culture.”
Other features of the festival included traditional dancers, British and Scottish foods, Celtic rock bands, a birds of prey display and a sport called caber tossing, where men heave large, wooden poles as far as they can.
Marine Band San Diego and the King’s Own finished each night with a medley of patriotic songs from America and Scotland including “Scotland the Brave” and the Marines’ Hymn. The Marines also performed a reenactment of the Iwo Jima flag raising. This brought a standing ovation from the audience both times.

After performing in the 90-degree heat in dress blues, the sweat-drenched Marines headed back to the hotel to get ready for the evening.
The Marines’ nine-piece brass band performed Saturday and Sunday night at the hotel bar, where most of the performers and spectators stayed. To mix up the bagpipe and drum bands that played, the brass band delivered New Orleans style jazz, which got the bar jumping both nights.
“I love the brass band,” said Blackmon. “Bagpipes are cool, but everyone was kind of tired of it. Our brass band was fresh and everybody really got into it.”
At the hotel, many of the Scottish soldiers wanted to trade their uniform items for Marine items. Many of the Marines were glad to oblige. Sgt. Jaime Walton, a Marine trumpet player, asked one of the King’s Own to trade for his polo shirt. Without hesitation, the piper stripped off his shirt in the hotel lobby and gave it to Walton.
Most of the Marines said they were glad to perform at the Highland Games, and they had a great time with the Scotsmen. It was a clash of cultures with great respect for each other, and they learned a great deal about the different lifestyles.



Lance Cpl. Sean Ayers, a Marine tuba player, warms up before the first rehearsal with the King’s Own Scottish Borderers pipe and drum band Saturday morning. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron photos



Marine Band San Diego members wait in the entrance tunnel before marching onto the track for their first performance.



The King’s Own and Marine Band San Diego played together, and each wore traditional dress uniforms.

Herb, from Pg. 5
I didn't know what to do with my voice. I was scared. I didn't want them to become like other boys."
A good father figure would have solved many of those woes, and eventually, one did.
"Monty and I met and have been together since the boys started high school," Purnie said. Before finding her Mr. Right, Purnie made other attempts at marriage: She and Herbert L. Johnson Sr. divorced when Herbert Jr. was a year old. Ten years later, Johnson's mother remarried – this time to a Marine. That lasted two years. Purnie's perfect man, Monty Fisher,

happened to be a perfect father figure for her sons. She said Monty got the boys into sports and spirituality and kept them out of trouble.
"It's one thing to have Mom taking them to church, but having a man in the house and making those decisions was big," Purnie said. "Monty taught them ... if you're going to do something, finish it. He taught them that a man's character is important."
Johnson said he tries to emulate his stepfather's character, which is the epitome of a real father.
As Johnson began his Marine Corps career, Monty fell ill.

"It was very much out of the blue; it was a shocker," said Purnie. "Monty and I planned on traveling; I was starting my junior year in college. I had to quit school to take care of him."
Monty suffered a stroke while setting up a computer business. Across the world in Japan, Johnson said he heard the news and felt stuck. He wanted to be there for Monty, but his mother told him he was meant to be serving the Corps.
Monty has since suffered two more strokes and is bed-ridden, but Purnie said her sons' admiration for him has only grown.
"In him they see it doesn't matter what

you're going through; it's how you act when you're going through it," Purnie said. "You can always find things worse. For that reason, I didn't put Monty into a home because I vowed 'for better or worse.' I vowed to endure sickness, maybe even poverty. I was going to care for my husband. You're going to find things very difficult in life. Sink or swim. What do you choose?"
Such a display exemplifies the Marine Corps core values of honor, courage and commitment, and it also hints to how Johnson would have been ready for the Corps when he joined right after high school.

DI, from Pg. 5
Brooklyn and working with the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, a program for children aged 13 to 17.
Johnson did not go to war, and instead, he continued supporting the Corps as an administrative Marine.
Marines in the Selective Reserve, for the most part, are weekend warriors who train for two months a year and one weekend a month. Some Selective Reserve Marines are active reservists who serve year-round and train with active duty units. An even greater rarity is when active reservists, like Johnson, serve with active duty units. Johnson is the only active reservist DI with Co. L. A gunnery sergeant and a sergeant with Co. I are two other AR DIs at the depot.

Marching in patrol formations when moving between different training events.
Before joining the Selective Reserve, Johnson was a mortarman. His first unit, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines was in Pendleton 10 years ago participating in the Hunter Warrior Experiment – Commandant of Marine Corps Gen. Charles C. Krulak's exploration of innovative tactics, techniques and technologies for urbanized battlefields.
In his current training cycle, an uncommon all-sergeant team leads the way: Sgt. Fernando Galvan, senior drill instructor; Johnson, the experienced drill instructor; and combat veterans Sgt. Jesse J. Dorsey and Sgt. Matthew C. Button.



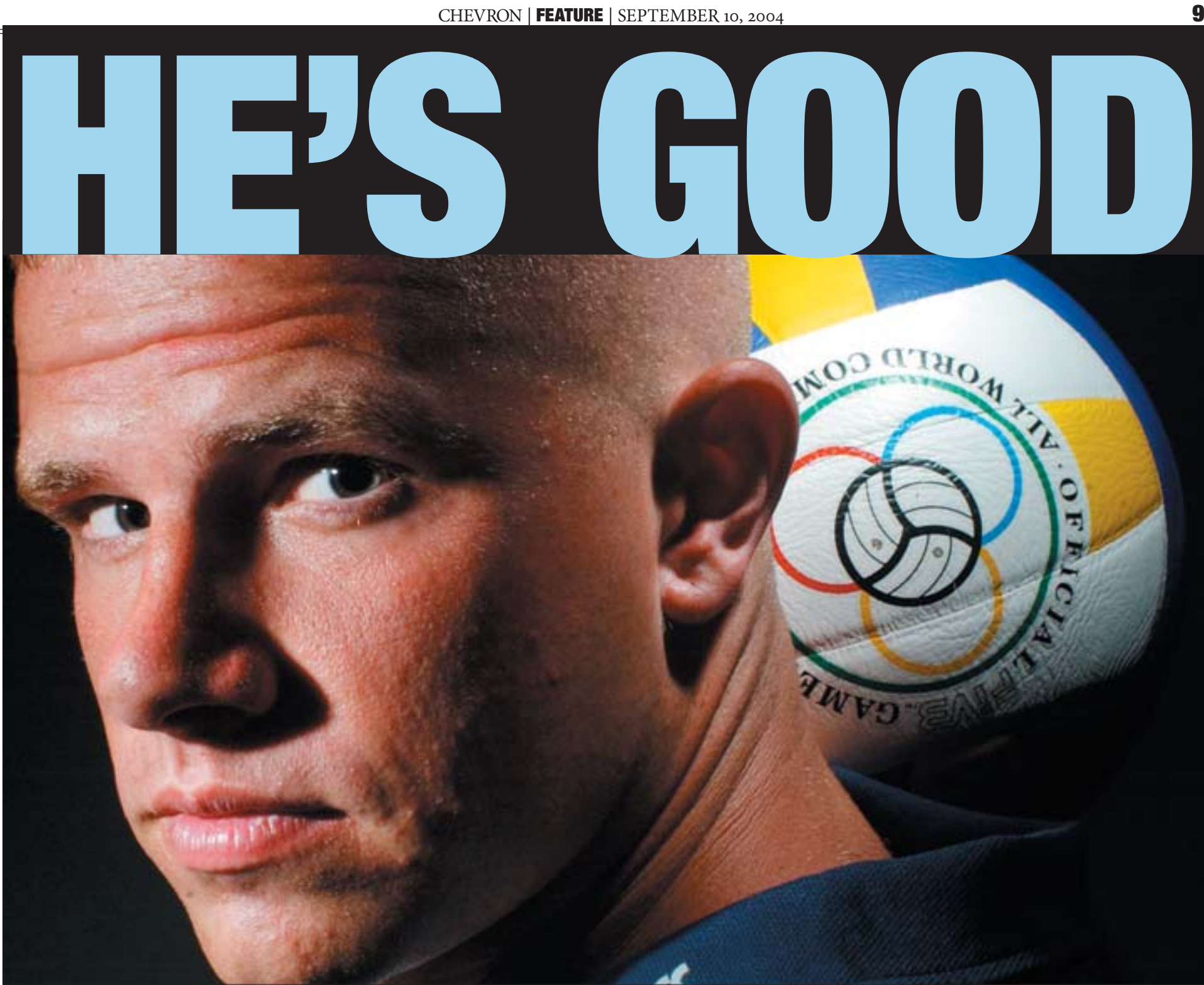
Pfc. Jonathan Halbert, Platoon 3093, Company L, attends a leave and liberty class. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

New Marine follows path of 3 brothers

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

As a kid, he saw his three brothers earn the title Marine. Their newfound poise, bearing and honor intrigued him thrice over. His brothers became products of the Corps, and like good products, they warrant emulation.
Pfc. Jonathan Halbert, Platoon 3093, Company L, is now a facsimile of his brothers.
"I saw the changes in each of my brothers, and I knew I wanted to change like that," said Halbert.
Halbert, the baby of his family, is following in the footsteps of the youngest of his brothers, Sgt. Dusty Halbert. Both men enlisted as aviation electronic systems technicians.
"I want to get commissioned and be a pilot," said Pfc. Halbert, a reservist. "I figured it would be good to be close to aircrafts from the beginning."
In addition to his occupational specialty, Halbert is set on majoring in aeronautical engineering at either Texas A&M University in College Station or Texas State University in San Marcos while simultaneously participating in the Platoon Leaders Course to earn his commission.
The decision to follow his brothers into the ranks of the few and proud came to Halbert as a high-school junior in Athens, Texas.
"I knew it was either the Marine Corps or baseball," said the first baseman. "I wasn't quite good enough to make it as a baseball player, so I followed my brothers into the Marines. It made them better men and I knew I could be better too."
Halbert met with his local recruiter and signed the dotted line.

"My parents were really excited when I told them I joined," said Halbert. "My brothers made the Corps a family thing."
"I was happy for him when I found out he joined," said Dusty Halbert. "He finally decided to make something of himself. Having all four boys in the Marine Corps made me even prouder than I already was."
Before arriving here for recruit training, Halbert's brothers helped him prepare mentally and physically.
"He called me before he left for some advice," said Dusty Halbert. "I joked with him a little. I said recruit training was a three-month vacation."
When Halbert arrived here and joined Co. L, he said he was still not fully prepared for the rigorous training.
"Like any new recruit, Halbert was lost at first," said Staff Sgt. Derek Smith, Halbert's senior drill instructor. "He was also overweight, but we fixed that."
The six-foot-three-inch tall Marine lost nearly 30 pounds in recruit training.
"Once he got used to how things are here, his progress really showed," said Smith. "He did well on the Crucible and he showed some leadership qualities."
After marching across Shepherd Memorial Drill Field, Halbert heads back to Texas to begin his quest for commissioning. While his bearing, poise and values give him the carbon-copy image of his brothers, the four men lead different careers. Kevin Halbert, the oldest brother, left the Corps as a sergeant last year. Dusty Halbert is currently stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., and Cpl. Michael Halbert is on his way to fight in Afghanistan. When they meet again, maybe they'll be calling their baby brother "sir."



Pfc. Sean M. Bzdon, an account analyst at the depot, earned a spot on the All-Marine volleyball team. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

Depot devil dog outshines in quest for All-Marine V-ball status

BY MASTER SGT. JANICE M. HAGAR
Chevron staff

When Pfc. Sean M. Bzdon reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego for his first duty assignment, he didn't waste any time planning his future.
"I want to try out for the All-Marine volleyball team," said Bzdon to his supervisor.
He arrived here in March but by the end of April, Bzdon was in North Carolina trying out for the All-Marine Volleyball team. After the weeklong tryouts, Bzdon's aggressive court action earned him a spot on the team.
The 6-foot-1-inch Chicago native has been playing volleyball since childhood.
"I was 11 when I started playing volleyball on the beach," said Bzdon. "When I was in high school, I played on the team, but I joined a club in town called Sports Performance. We competed in tournaments at the city, state and national levels.
"I liked volleyball because it was different from what my friends did. I started getting good and then I got addicted to it."
After Bzdon graduated from high school in 2000, he attended Illinois State University. He didn't earn a volleyball scholarship, but he earned an associates degree in liberal arts. After attending college for two years, Bzdon said he needed a change in his life. His brother was a Marine at the time, so Bzdon followed in his brother's footsteps and joined the Marine Corps in August 2003.
After graduating from recruit training and Marine combat training, Bzdon became an account analyst. He already knew about the various sport teams in the Marine Corps, so as soon as he arrived at the depot in March, he inquired about the All-Marine volleyball team. As luck would have it, tryouts for the team were about to take place and by the end of April, Bzdon was on his way to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., where tryouts were held.
"About 45 Marines tried out for the team and 12 were selected," said Bzdon. "There were Marines of all ranks trying out. Chief warrant officers, gunnery sergeants, corporals...they were telling me they couldn't believe I

got to go there and try out after only being at my duty station for two months."
Bzdon and his new teammates spent three weeks at Cherry Point honing their volleyball skills. Their days were filled with practice sessions from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a chow break in between. After three weeks of hard work, the team flew to Seattle to compete against the other services in the Armed Forces volleyball tournament.
"The Marines hadn't won a single game in the Armed Forces tournament in almost a decade," said Bzdon. "But this year, we won one set (three games) against the Army and we won five or six individual games against the other services.
"It was incredible because we attracted a lot of attention," Bzdon continued. "It was the story of the tournament."
Even though the Marine team was not crowned champion, Bzdon was selected as a team all-star. He and two other Marines earned a spot on the All-Armed Forces volleyball team. Bzdon's new team remained in Seattle for a week. Once again, Bzdon found his days filled with volleyball practice as the service members worked to hone their skills as a team.
Once training was finished, Bzdon was on his way to Kingston, Canada for a week filled with tournaments against other armed forces teams from around the world.
"We played against teams from Germany, China and the Netherlands," said Bzdon. "The team didn't do as well in Canada, but those teams play volleyball year round. That's their job. Volleyball really is a team sport and we hadn't been a team except for a week. Those guys have been playing together for years."
Once his volleyball adventure was finished, Bzdon flew home to MCRD San Diego to finally settle into his new job.
"I give credit to my command for giving me the opportunity and letting me go try out for the team," said Bzdon.
Bzdon said he is enjoying his new duty station. He's on the depot basketball team because basketball helps keep his coordination up to speed and it helps him stay in shape. When January rolls around, he'll be back on

the volleyball court getting ready for next season. During his free time, Bzdon goes to the beach or downtown.
"I like it here," said Bzdon. "San Diego fits my lifestyle." On the volleyball court, Bzdon is aggressive and takes the lead, but off the court, he's quiet.
"I'm still learning about the Marine Corps, so I tend to be quiet as I'm learning," said Bzdon.
"When he first checked in here, he told me he wanted to try out for the All-Marine volleyball team," said Frances Kirsten, managerial accounting officer. "I said, 'We'll see when the time comes.' We put in the paperwork and it was approved. As he left, he said, 'I won't be back because I'm making the team.' Then off he went."
Bzdon made phone calls to Kirsten when he made both teams.
"He was extremely proud and I was proud of him, too," said Kirsten. "He was determined to make it and he did. He's a very determined young man."
According to Kirsten, Bzdon's coach spoke very highly of him in a card she received.
"Having done this for a period of time, young Sean is the type of player we try to locate and cultivate to promote volleyball in the Marine Corps," wrote Peter Cruz, All-Marine volleyball coach.
During his initial tour, Bzdon plans on working toward a bachelor's degree.
"My degree may be in education," said Bzdon. "It's still up in the air. I wouldn't mind being a teacher and I would definitely want to be a volleyball coach."
Even though Bzdon hasn't been in the Marine Corps that long, he learned a great deal during his time on the All-Marine and All-Armed Forces teams and took pride in his new found Marine Corps family.
"The thing that stands out in my mind the most about my experience was seeing the difference between the Marine Corps and the other services," said Bzdon. "I'm new to the military, but I felt that when everyone was in uniform, the Marines looked the best, even compared to the services of the other countries.
Bzdon plans on trying out for next year's All-Marine volleyball team and he's confident he'll make it.
"Next year, I'm taking dress blues," said Bzdon.

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Pvt. J. C. Botkin
Pfc. R. R. Bryan
Pfc. C. M. Butler
Pvt. R. A. Carruth
Pfc. C. I. Casas
Pvt. I. Chavez
*Pfc. D. E. Coker



Pvt. E. Campos-Quintanilla, Platoon 3099, Company L, checks his clothing information with retired Sgt. Maj. Bill Paxton, clothing handler, recruit clothing issue. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

Pvt. R. A. Corona
Pvt. G. Flores
Pfc. A. G. Gering
Pvt. R. H. Griffin
Pvt. R. J. Guillory
Pvt. L. A. Gundy
Pfc. J. L. Harper
Pfc. U. Herrera-Mendoza
Pvt. P. D. Hobbs
Pvt. D. J. Hoppenjan
Pfc. C. A. Hunt
Pvt. J. A. Johnson
Pvt. J. R. Jubrey
Pvt. J. M. Koser

Pvt. A. T. Kowitz
Pfc. R. I. Krastev
Pfc. J. T. Land
Pfc. J. D. Litwiller
Pvt. C. J. Lopez
Pvt. R. D. Martinez
Pfc. R. J. Mercado
Pfc. D. L. Michelson
Pvt. M. Montoya
Pfc. C. M. Oh
Pvt. P. W. Ornelas
Pvt. C. R. PatricioMurillo
Pfc. M. J. Perkins
Pvt. J. A. Perry

Pvt. C. O. Phillips
Pvt. D. E. Plummer
Pvt. T. A. Province
Pvt. C. Ramirez
*Pfc. J. W. Reed
Pvt. R. A. Reupena
Pfc. E. B. Reyes
Pvt. N. J. Rios Jr.
Pvt. N. S. Risty
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*Pfc. D. E. Romo
Pvt. J. D. Sandrock
*Pvt. S. R. Sanford
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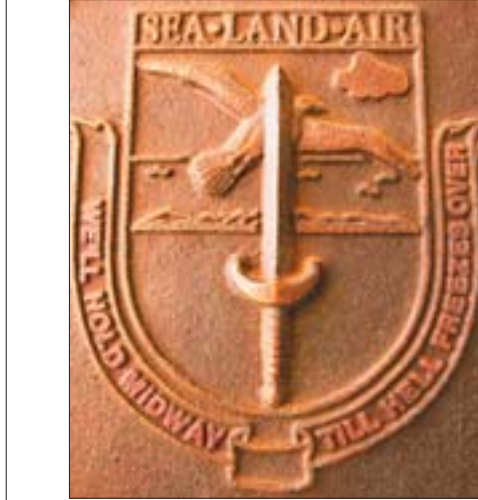
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Pvt. N. J. Smith
Pfc. C. M. Sneathen
Pfc. S. R. Snyder
Pvt. J. L. Stengel
Pvt. B. M. Stevens
Pvt. M. J. Surber
Pfc. J. Tang

Pvt. C. M. Thomas
Pvt. M. A. Turner
Pfc. B. J. Unterreiner
Pfc. T. J. Weston
Pvt. B. T. White
Pvt. C. A. Wiley
*Pfc. K. R. Williams
Pfc. A. C. Wong
Pfc. L. J. Worth
Pfc. J. B. Yamasaki

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Sgt. S. McCloud
Sgt. L. I. Bonami

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Pfc. J. Arellano
Pvt. K. S. Askren
Pvt. J. D. Austell III
Pfc. G. Avelar
Pvt. L. S. Baumgarten
Pvt. J. C. Benes
Pvt. A. R. Benjamin
Pvt. B. K. Benz-Marrs
Pvt. R. S. Blair
Pfc. S. A. Bobowski
*Pfc. M. J. Bright
Pvt. P. S. Burnett
Pvt. M. J. Carlin
Pvt. M. D. Carrico
Pfc. M. A. Cato
Pfc. R. Ceja
Pvt. A. L. Cole
Pvt. R. G. Cook
Pvt. J. M. Cotner
Pvt. J. A. Cutlip
Pvt. K. B. Dalton
Pfc. Z. J. Daniels
Pvt. A. Davila
Pvt. T. J. Deutsch
Pfc. E. E. Dies
Pfc. M. A. Drake
Pvt. E. R. Drerup
Pvt. J. W. Dutcher
Pvt. L. L. Evenson
Pvt. K. V. Fisher
Pvt. M. Y. Frye
Pfc. J. D. Gagnon
Pvt. A. P. Garcia
Pvt. A. J. Gay
Pvt. P. A. Gross
Pvt. D. L. Gruber
Pvt. B. M. Guzzo
Pvt. J. N. Hapgood
Pvt. J. R. Haugen
Pvt. J. D. Heeg
Pfc. D. R. Henderson
Pvt. M. D. Herzberger
Pvt. B. T. Hoff
Pvt. J. K. Holtz
Pvt. P. K. Hooper
Pfc. B. J. Hoyt
*Pfc. F. H. Jackson III
Pvt. D. A. Jacobs
Pvt. B. J. Johnson
Pfc. J. T. Johnson
Pfc. I. I. JohnsonCarter
Pfc. R. L. Jones
Pvt. P. R. Kaiser
Pfc. J. L. Kelly
Pfc. K. D. Krueger
Pfc. M. G. Kucharczyk
Pvt. R. M. Lee
*Pfc. E. A. Lindahl
Pvt. E. D. Luckett
Pfc. D. F. Lumabao
Pvt. M. P. Manlick
Pvt. D. P. Marshall



Defenders of Midway

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICERS

December 7, 1941, Japanese forces brought the island of Midway into World War II with a bombardment of its airfield by enemy destroyers, leaving many dead and wounded.

Six months later, Midway would become the turning point of the war in the Pacific. The Defenders of Midway played a crucial role along with the U.S. Pacific Fleet in turning back the Japanese invasion force.

The defenders, consisting of units and aircraft from Marine Aircraft Group 22, 6th Defense Battalion and other local defense units, fought the Japanese in coordination with the Pacific Fleet from June 4-6, 1942.

The Defenders of Midway turned the Japanese plans to invade into the destruction of all four Japanese carriers and the eventual defeat of their fleet.

Today, we recognize the valiant efforts of the Defenders of Midway and the role and contributions of 6th, 7th and 9th Defense Battalions.

The following Marines of the 6th Defense Battalion served during the attacks on Midway: Bill Oldfather, Cliff Schmidt, John Gardner, Jack Tennaple, Donald Drake, Dan Huber, Chris Swaggert and Bob Hendrick.

Pfc. C. T. Mauzy
Pfc. S. J. Miller
Pvt. T. C. Monson
*Pfc. C. D. Morlan
Pfc. J. S. Newman
Pfc. O. Onofre-Basave
Pvt. B. A. Ostveen
Pvt. R. A. Ordonez
*Pfc. N. T. Paddon
Pvt. A. B. Patrick
Pvt. E. T. Payton
Pvt. E. B. Perez III
Pfc. R. P. Perez
Pvt. J. F. Perez
Pfc. D. F. Lumabao
Pvt. M. P. Manlick
Pvt. D. P. Marshall

Pvt. V. E. Sapeda II
Pvt. E. O. Sarmiento
Pfc. T. L. Schaefer
Pvt. T. A. Schlumberger
Pvt. C. C. Shoenert
Pfc. B. S. Schuck
Pvt. B. A. Scott
Pfc. J. D. Serbantez
Pfc. W. G. Sheppard
*Lance Cpl. J. P. Smith
Pvt. J. J. Solano
Pfc. B. S. Stacy
Pfc. R. L. Starkey
Pvt. J. T. Stephens
Pfc. J. W. Post
Pfc. B. P. Strening
Pvt. M. T. Sweet
Pfc. K. S. Tallant
Pvt. S. J. Thomas
Pvt. M. Torres
Pfc. I. Torres Jr.
Pvt. P. Torres Jr.
Pvt. D. M. Trejo
Pvt. F. A. Trenier
Pfc. M. E. Tuller
Pvt. M. L. Vasquez
Pfc. J. G. Vazquez
Pfc. J. M. Vidal
Pvt. S. C. Viner
Pfc. L. E. Vogel
Pfc. J. M. Walker
Pvt. T. M. Weber
Pvt. M. A. Welch
Pfc. J. C. Wells
Pvt. T. T. West
Pvt. A. N. White
*Pfc. J. A. Wig
Pvt. M. K. Wilhelm
Pfc. J. D. Wilkins II
Pvt. P. J. Wilson
Pvt. E. B. Wolters
Pvt. B. M. Woods
Pvt. A. N. Wyatt
Pvt. A. Yang
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Pvt. T. Yeoman
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The men of Company L pay close attention to Staff Sgt. Derek Smith, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3093, as he gives them a class about Marine Corps leave and liberty policies. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

COMPANY CURIOSITIES Here's how men from Lima Company answered Chevron's random questions about their boot camp experiences:

Q:- What was the hardest civilian habit to break?



Pfc. Michael D. McMurray
McPherson, Kan.

A:- Touching my face and saying "I". You don't realize you do it as much as you think.

Q:- What was the scariest moment of recruit training?



Pfc. Samuel J. Hufschmidt
Littleton, Colo.

A:- First class swim qualification.

Q:- How many Marines do you have in your family?



Pvt. Grant W. Funderburg
Angleton, Texas

A:- Two. My dad was a Marine and my brother is currently a lance corporal serving in Iraq.

Q:- Why did you join the Marine Corps?



Pfc. Brian M. Dubiel
Katy, Texas

A:- To start a new future and I wanted to be with the best.

Q:- What's the best MRE?



Pvt. Paul A. Johansen
Garden City, Utah

A:- Beef stew because it tastes like what it is.



Service Company's Lance Cpl. Eric Norfleet dribbles past Facilities Maintenance defender Cpl. Derardo Padilla in the first half. Norfleet scored five goals in the game. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

SERVICED!

After a crushing defeat, Fac Maintenance needs major repairs

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

Service Company dismantled Facilities Maintenance 6-1 Wednesday in the second week of the Commanding General's Cup soccer season.

The game started ugly for Facilities Maintenance. Service Co.'s Lance Cpl. Eric Norfleet, an All-Marine soccer veteran, booted a goal past Cpl. Mario Gonzalez, Facilities Maintenance's goalie. The game remained at that tempo for the rest of the first half. Facilities Maintenance got the ball, Service Co. took it away and put it in the net.

Norfleet scored three first-half goals,



and Lance Cpl. Chris Hale added another before the intermission.

Norfleet and Service Co.'s dynamo passer, Capt. Blair A. Stevenson began the second half on the bench to let some other Marines play.

Off Service Co.'s bench came Pfc. Fabiola Escobedo, whose defense in the backfield rendered Facilities Maintenance almost completely helpless.

Determined to erase the goose egg, Facilities Maintenance raced down the field on a fast break. After a wild shot pulled Service Co. goalie Lance Cpl. Raymond Azpeitia away from the net, Cpl. Derardo

Padilla chipped the rebound into the goal to make the score 4-1 in Service Co.'s favor.

The comeback attempt was snuffed pretty quickly when Norfleet re-entered the game, dribbled circles around defenders and rocketed two more goals into the net. Facilities Maintenance couldn't recover.

"Soccer is all about scoring goals," said Norfleet. "That's what we have to do if we want to win."

Action picks up Tuesday starting at 10:30 a.m. Facilities Maintenance has to deal with the Coast Guard, which is on a hot streak, and Service Co. squares off against 2nd Recruit Training Battalion.

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NEXT WEEK			
Fac Maintenance	V.	Coast Guard	
RAB	V.	Service Co.	
District	V.	1st Bn.	
Service Co.	V.	2nd Bn.	
District	V.	RAB	

Games will begin at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and end around 3:30 p.m.